

# **REAP Region 7 – Cedar Falls Assembly Summary**

**February 14, 2006**

**Attendance: 105 Local Chair: Billy Dotzler**

## **Preferred projects by county**

### **Black Hawk:**

Habitat and open space acquisition and development.

Soil conservation and water quality.

Land and water trails.

Environmental education, roadside vegetation and historic preservation.

### **Bremer:**

Water quality for all of the natural streams in Bremer County, including the watersheds of the Wapsipinicon and Cedar rivers.

Expand the bike trail system. Extending the trail from Waverly to Denison.

Significant land acquisition of greenbelts, woodlands, grasslands for recreation and preservation.

Preservation and development of the Bremer County Home to possibly house the Bremer County Fair.

### **Buchanan:**

Natural trails and erosion prevention.

Soil and water quality.

Watershed improvement.

Environmental education.

Protection of the Wapsipinicon corridor and other unique natural areas.

### **Butler:**

Purchase and development of the Rolling Prairie Bike Trail.

Depot Park in Parkersburg and Wilder Park in Allison.

Environmental education projects focusing on adult education in water quality, erosion, habitat and public awareness.

### **Chickasaw:**

Water quality improvements and flood control on the Wapsipinicon River.

Land acquisition for natural areas.

More handicap accessible facilities.

**Grundy:**

Grundy County Lake development.  
Finish connecting the Pioneer Trail.  
Habitat development and acquisition.

**REAP Improvements****Black Hawk:**

REAP County Committee can use e-mail to more effectively communicate.  
More emphasis needs to be placed on the committee's five-year plan.  
Earth Day celebration can be used as an opportunity to educate people about REAP.  
REAP needs to be fully funded.  
REAP should have a tax check off similar and because there are more casinos REAP should be receiving more funds from state gaming revenues.

**Bremer:**

REAP County Committees must organize cities to participate.  
All meetings and news must be publicized in order to create public interest & understanding.  
REAP needs to be fully funded.

**Buchanan:**

REAP County Committee should have a REAP tour so legislators as well as the public can see what REAP is doing in the area.  
REAP needs more funding.  
REAP should receive a portion of the sales tax and campers should be more involved in supporting REAP.

**Butler:**

REAP County Committees need to coordinate and prioritize projects as well as facilitate communication with over groups.  
Tighten timeline and approval process for grants to one calendar year.

**Chickasaw:**

REAP County Committees need to have members from a variety of groups. The meetings need to be held in a "common" area and should be well publicized.  
REAP projects need better signage and should be covered by local media.  
REAP needs full funding. This could come from more gaming revenues or a portion of the sales tax.

**Grundy:**

REAP County Committees need an incentive.  
REAP needs to be fully funded. This could come from more license plates and/or a portion of the sales tax.

**Delegates to REAP Congress**  
**To be held July 15, 2006 in Des Moines**

**Black Hawk:**

Shaeffer Ridgeway  
Ken Cutts  
Alternate: Jeff Palmer

**Bremer:**

Becky Wrage

**Buchanan:**

Alternate: Raynor Hoffman

**Butler:**

Dana Schultz

**Chickasaw:**

Chris Cain

**Grundy:**

Alternate: Chris Goarcke

**Posters**

There are posters which detail most of the REAP projects in your county in .PDF format. Please feel free to contact us for a copy of these files. You may use these files to print either 8.5 x 11 or 24 x 36 posters to educate county residents on what REAP has done for them.

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